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SUBJECT: CODEL BIAGGI

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1. CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI AND AIDE ANTONY PETRETTI DEPARTED NICOSIA MARCH 28 AFTER EXTREMELY BUSY THREE-DAY SCHEDULE INCLUDING CALLS ON PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU, HOUSE PRESIDENT MICHAELIDES, ARCHBISHOP CHRYSOSTOMOS, FONMIN ROLANDIS, FINANCE MINISTER PATSALIDES AND OTHER GOC OFFICIALS. CODEL ALSO VISITED REFUGEE CAMPS AND MET WITH REFUGEE AND MISSING PERSONS ORGANIZATIONS. EMBASSY ARRANGED LUNCHEON FOR CODEL WITH "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH WHO ALSO PROVIDED TOUR OF TURKISH CYPRIOT SECTOR OF NICOSIA, FAMAGUSTA, AND VAROSHA.

2. GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS AND RADIO GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO VISIT, FOCUSING ON CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI'S ASSURANCES THAT HE WOULD WORK TO MAINTAIN EMBARGO UNTIL PROGRESS WAS MADE ON CYPRUS PROBLEM. TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS FEATURED CONGRESSMAN'S VISITS, ACCOMPANIED BY DENKTASH, TO SIGNIFICANT SITES OF INTERCOMMUNAL VIOLENCE.

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3. COMMENT: CONGRESSMAN BIAGGI MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON CYPRIOTS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES. HE MADE IT CLEAR HE BELIEVES THE U.S. EMBARGO ON ARMS SALES TO TURKEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL THERE IS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IN A SPEECH TO GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS ON MARCH 26 HE WARNED THAT THIS WILL NOT

BE EASY IF THE TURKISH SIDE MAKES PROPOSALS AS THIS WOULD
BE TAKEN BY MANY CONGRESSMEN "AS A GOOD FAITH GESTURE"
AND WOULD BE SEEN BY THEM AS PROGRESS. END COMMENT.
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